

OLD PALUDIANS ASSOCIATION
Reunion Lunch and Annual General Meeting.

Saturday 25th March 2017 11:00 – 17:00

Upton Court Grammar School, Lascelles Road, Slough, Berks. SL3 7PR

Dear Old Paludian,

January 2017

The Committee look forward to welcoming you on **Saturday 25th March 2017** at the 102nd OPA Reunion, which will be held in the restaurant and sixth form building at Upton Court Grammar School. The Committee has modified the Reunion Lunch arrangements in the light of the “Way Ahead” Questionnaire, so that:

- The Reunion Lunch is held in March, the preferred month.
- Everyone has more time on the day to spend meeting and talking to their friends.
- The AGM agenda is less formal and shortened in time.
- As last year, a buffet lunch, which was much more popular than the pre-ordered lunch, will be served.
- **A licensed bar will be available from 12:30-16:30 serving beer, wine and soft drinks.**

The programme for the day will be:

11:00 Registration opens. Coffee and tea available all day
11:30 AGM – Chairman’s Welcome. Roll of Honour
11:35 Treasurer’s Report
11:40 Website and Archive Report
11:45 UCGS Activities Update – Mrs Mercedes Hernández Estrada, Principal UCGS
12:00 Feedback from the “Way Ahead” Questionnaire / Chairman’s closing remarks
12:30 Buffet Lunch
15:00 Raffle Draw

Depart at your leisure (doors close at 17.00)

The Committee is very appreciative of the time spent by everyone who completed the “Way Ahead” questionnaire. A full summary will be included in the Newsletter later in the year and, as noted above, it will be the final item on the AGM agenda.

The membership will already be aware that there is an urgent necessity to extend the attendance to bring in as many Old Paludians as possible each year, also to bring in younger Old Paludians and to cater for their needs. With this in mind, **all Old Paludians on this distribution list are requested to invite all their contemporaries to attend.** There is an obligation on all of us to ensure the maximum attendance possible.

The price of £14.00 is for all food and drink throughout the day. Last year’s buffet lunch was very well received. You may opt to have only tea/coffee and biscuits for £2.50 if you so wish.

As well as the opportunity to meet your friends, on the day there will be a lot for you to do and see. In the computer room, members can view the on-line archives and Ian and Colin Cairns will be on hand to help you find yourself in a long school photograph and to add names where appropriate.

Shirley Lane, Margaret Paine and helpers will be selling raffle tickets. Please give them your support. Copies of our book 'Ad Astra' containing 450 photographs spanning 102 years will be available for sale on the day. We hope members will buy a copy at £21.

Bob Moss, editor of our Newsletter, did a wonderful job last year. Last year’s Newsletter is still available electronically from our website. **Please send items to Bob for the 2017 edition to reach him not later than end of February 2017 (email: editor@oldpaludians.org post: 8 Argyll Road, GLOUCESTER. GL2 0QR tel: 01452 417764).**

UCGS prepared a database of Alumni last year so that the School can contact former pupils directly. We have again included a space on the attached booking form for you to indicate whether we may pass to UCGS the information we have about you on our database. We will not pass on any information without your written permission.

To avoid letters being returned undelivered, please keep us informed of changes both to postal and to email addresses.

Thank you for your generous donations last year that enabled us to present cheques for the School Library and Old Paludians prizes presented at Speech Day. We are asking for your continued donations to help us cover our costs and to enable us to present two cheques to the School as usual.

We still have Committee vacancies for the following posts: **Chairman, Secretary, and Membership Secretary.** If you are interested in any of these positions or simply wish to join the Committee, please contact any member of the Committee or make yourself known at the Reunion.

Please send the completed booking form to Michael Frankl by **Monday 13 March 2017** either:

- a) By post with a cheque.
- b) By emailing the form as a Microsoft Word attachment to opareunion@oldpaludians.org and by making a bank transfer to the account mentioned on the form.
- c) By replying to the email, completing the form in the body of the email, and by making a bank transfer to the account mentioned on the form.

With kind regards, Ian Cairns and Michael Frankl, on behalf of The Old Paludians Association Committee (2017)